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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE APPEARING IN
HAARETZ JULY 20 BY VISITING HAARETZ EDITOR GIDEON SAMMET.

2. BEGIN TEXT: EVEN BEFORE THE INTERIM SETTLEMENT
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAS BEEN COMPLETED, CLEAR
SIGNS CAN ALREADY BE SEEN THAT NOT MUCH TIME WILL GO BY,
PERHAPS NO MORE THAN SIX MONTHS, BEFORE ISRAEL
WILL FACE DIFFICULT DECISIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
NEXT STAGE OF THE AGREEMENTS. ONLY THIS TIME-THIS IS
THE IMPRESSION ONE CAN EASILY GET FROM TALKS WITH U.S.
ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS-THE ATTEMPT WILL BE
MADE TO REACH AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT.

3. HOWEVER, TALKS WITH SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND EVEN WITH OFFICIALS OF
THE ISRAEL EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, DO NOT CREATE THAT
IMPRESSION. CONGRESSMEN ON CAPITOL HILL WHO ARE
FRIENDLY TO ISRAEL THINK THAT THERE IS NO REAL CHANCE
FOR AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.
THEIR ASSUMPTION-WHICH IS THE SAME ASSUMPTION SUB-
SCRIBED TO AND CONFIRMED BY CONSIDERABLE SECTORS OF THE
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ISRAELI PUBLIC-IS THAT EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB STATES

WILL NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WHOSE INTERPRETATION IS
REAL PEACE WITH ISRAEL.

4. THE PARALLEL IS THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT BE
PERPARED TO WITHDRAW TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT WILL MAKE
DISCUSSIONS OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE. THESE
ASSUMPTIONS ARE TODAY OVERSHADOWED BY THE SPIRIT OF THE
INEXHAUSTIBLE HENRY KISSINGER, WHO IS CONVINCED THAT SO
FAR THE CONDITIONS HAVE NOT BEEN RIPE FOR ANYTHING BUT
AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, AT THE SAME TIME
PROFESSIONAL OFFICIALS OF THE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUE TO
BE ENGAGED IN A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE CHANCES OF
A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT IN THE COMING STAGES.

5. THE "RE-ASSESSMENT", WHICH HAS CAST ITIS TERRIFYING
SHADOW OVER ISRAEL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, IS ABOUT TO COME
TO A CONCLUSION; AND WHILE THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC MACHINE
HAS DURING THIS TIME MADE ALL THE EFFORTS FOR THE
CONCLUSION OF AN INTERIM AGREEMENT, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE
IN THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE APPARENTLY COME TO THE
CONCLUSION THAT THE ATTEMPT TO REACH AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT
MUST LAREADY BE MADE AT AN EARLY STAGE OF THE PERIOD
DURING WHICH THE NEW (INTERIM) AGREEMENT WILL BE IN
EFFECT.

6. U.S. POLICY PLANNERS FEEL THAT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR
ISRAELI CONCESSIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR LESS THAN NON-
BELLIGERENCY ARE GRADUALLY DIMINISHING AND HAVE
ACUTALLY REACHED THE LIMIT.

7. SOMEWHERE, AND PERHAPS NOT ENTIRELY AT THE BOTTOM
OF THE LIST, THERE EXISTS-DESPITE THE INTERESTS, DESPITE
THE CYNICISM OF THE POLITICIANS, IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING-
THE ASPIRATION TO BRING THE MIDDLE EAST INTO A SITUATION
THAT WILL BE AT LEAST CLOSE TO PEACE. IN THE ABSENCE OF
WILLINGNESS TO AGREE TO NON-BELLIGERENCY IN EXCHANGE FOR
A PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL, IT DOES NOT SEEM THAT SUCH A
SITUATION COULD BE REACHED UNLESS IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE
AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. THUS, YOU CAN TODAY HEAR TALK ABOUT
THE CONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AT THE END OF 1975
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OR THE BEGINNING OF 1976.

8. THE CONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL BE PRECEDED
BY CLARIFICATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL AND THE
ARAB STATES. THE NATURE AND PROCESS OF THESE CLARIFICATIONS
WILL BE DECISIVE IN DETERMINING THE CHANCES OF THE
CONFERENCE. IF THIS TIME-TABLE EXPRESSES A CORRECT INTER-
PRETATION OF THE INTENTIONS OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION,

ISRAEL MUST ALREADY WELL PREPARE HERSELF FOR THESE
CLARIFICATIONS. IN THIS CASE MR. RABIN CANNOT AFFORT
TO ENJOY A MARGIN OF TIME. THE TRUTH IS THAT THE
BENEFIT OF THE TIME BOUGHT BY THE INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH
EGYPT WILL LARGELY DEPEND ON THE SENSE OF URGENCY WHICH
THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MANAGE TO EXPERIENCE AND ADOPT
IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE NEXT POLITICAL
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